

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALAMO MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN

MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2019 AT 5:00 P.M.

97 SOUTH JOHNSON STREET, ALAMO, TENNESSEE 38001

Mayor Emison called the meeting to order.

Roll was called with the following Aldermen present: Kenneth Bodkins, P. B. Conley and John Reddick.

Invocation was given by Alamo City School Board Chairman, Lawrence Hardin.

Others present: Rita Reasons, Brad York, Ferris Arnold, Reecha Black, Lawrence Hardin, Joy Cooke, Patrick Conley, Charlie Moore, Jordan Spraggins, Shannon Haynes, Bailey Wilson, Crockett County Mayor Gary Reasons, Brenda Reddick, Neal Towater, Amanda Edwards, Kelsey Henning, Roy Swift and Tommy Allen.

Alderman Larry Conder joined the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Alderman Conley made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 2019 meeting and workshop and it was seconded by Alderman Reddick. All Aldermen voted, Aye. The motion carried.

Mayor John Avery Emison gave his monthly update on the following: 1) A safety grant has been applied for and if awarded safety shoes will be purchased for the water/street department for 2 pair each. 2) Fred's is closing and we were afraid that it would hit our local option sales tax hard. 3) The building inspection for beer permit for BP Alamo has passed the final inspection and hopefully they will open soon. 4) The new police car was delivered August 2, 2019 and was purchased on the state bids. 5) The acting police chief gave a monthly report on the past month. 6) The Town is intending to apply for a water/sewer grant for infrastructure planning grant the maximum amount to apply for \$40,000 to \$45,000. The town is trying to decide whether to apply for a camera to inspect the sewer lines or apply for a company to come in and do the service.

Mayor Emison read Ordinance 2019-5, an Ordinance amending the budget ordinance 2018-2. Alderman Bodkins made to motion to adopt the ordinance on

the second and final reading and it was seconded by Alderman Conder. The voting is as follows: Alderman Bodkins, Aye, Alderman Conder, Aye, Alderman Conley, Aye and Alderman Reddick, Aye. The Ordinance passed on the final reading.

Mayor Emison stated that the Alderman had received property maintenance code. They all agreed that it should be included in the code. A motion was made by Alderman Bodkins to include it in the code and along with the other changes that were agreed upon and it was seconded by Alderman Conley. All Aldermen voted, Aye. The motion carried.

Reecha Black, with Alamo City School presented the 2019/2020 amended budget. Mayor Emison stated that the school budget was included within the city budget that was approved by the Comptroller office and we are not certain what the Comptroller office is going to require us to do with this budget since it has been approved. Reecha Black went over the amended budget by line items and she stated that enrollment at the time was down by 10 students. A motion was made by Alderman Conley to accept the amended budget and Alderman Bodkins seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted, Aye.

Jordan Spraggins, Alamo City School board member stated that he understood that the gas, water/sewer lines would have to be moved to vacate the street. He stated that they still wanted the portion of Cherry Street vacated from East Park Street to Ag Building. He stated that if the cost were too prohibited to build they could still put up a wall for the safety of the children. Mayor Emison stated that an Ordinance to vacate the street and a public hearing would be required. He further stated that he would have to notify the property owners by certified mail. He asked the school to contact the property owners before a certified letter was sent from the town.

Mayor Emison read Ordinance 2019-6, an Ordinance amending the Budget Ordinance 2018-2. Alderman Bodkins made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and it was seconded by Alderman Conley. The voting is as follows: Alderman Bodkins, Aye, Alderman Conder, Aye, Alderman Conley, Aye and Alderman Reddick, Aye. The motion carried on the first reading.

Mayor Emison read Resolution 2019-6, a Resolution applying for a safety grant from Public Partners Entity. Alderman Bodkins made a motion to adopt the Resolution and Alderman Reddick seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted, Aye.

Mayor Emison stated the board had interviewed 2 applicants for police chief and Mayor Emison stated that his recommendation to the board that Brad York is the right man for the job. Alderman Conder made a motion to hire Brad York as police chief and Alderman Bodkins seconded the motion. Alderman Bodkins stated that the new police chief be able to do his job and he needed help with TIBERS reporting. All Aldermen voted, Aye. The motion carried.

Mayor Emison stated that the WIFI grants would be for the entire system. He stated that he had received approval from the state and USDA for the waiver. A motion was made by Alderman Bodkins and seconded by Alderman Conley. All Aldermen voted, Aye.

Mayor Emison stated that the muffin monster at the sewer plant needed replaced and the quoted cost was \$17,000.00. The equipment would have to be retrofitted for additional cost if it was bid out. A motion was made by Alderman Conley to purchase the muffin monster and seconded by Alderman Conder. All Aldermen voted, Aye. The motion carried.

Mayor Emison stated that bids had been taken from the 3 local banks in Alamo. He recommended that Bank of Crockett is the official depository and Bancorp south be added if and when needed as an official depository also. A motion was made by Alderman Conley to name the Bank of Crockett and Bancorp South as official depositories and the motion was seconded by Alderman Bodkins. All Aldermen voted, Aye. The motion carried.

Mayor Emison asked the Aldermen if they had any other streets other than what was on the listed that needed to be bid out. He further stated that he still hasn't gotten with the right person at ABB about cost sharing on the portion that their 18 wheeler access. Alderman Bodkins stated that Sunny Hill needed payment.

Mayor Emison stated that he had given each Alderman a draft resolution for the local sales tax option. As a recap Mayor Emison figured this out while researching

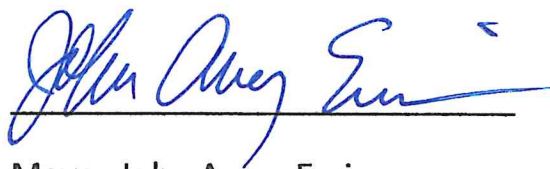
Fred's closing and loss of local option sales tax that the town would be losing. At the present time the county doesn't follow the state mandate of 50% going to schools and the other 50% going back to the town or the site of the sale. In a resolution dated in 1996 the local option was divided by 3 and distributed, 1/3 to the school debt service, 1/3 schools and 1/3 to the town. Mayor Emison assumed that it was originally created around 1981 when the school was consolidated and the money was borrowed to build the high school. He has learned that was the agreement to pay off the bonds; and here we are 38 years later. He stated that he felt duty bound to bring it to attention of the board and that it is a significant amount of money; for example in July of 2019 the town received \$30,687.93 and could have received \$46,031.90 approximately. The city school district receives a smaller amount due to the head count is approximately 20% less than the total of the county school head county. Mayor Emison is asking the board of Aldermen to repeal the resolution that was passed in 1996, so that the town can receive their 50% of the funds.

Crockett County Mayor Gary Reasons stated that he appreciates the opportunity to address the board and that he was here to express the opinion of the county. He knew that the agreement/contract existed and that consolidation was the reason that the distribution of the monies. He stated that they had to accept the students of the feeder schools from Alamo and Bells. He stated that the intent was to provide the buildings and educate the students from the feeder schools (Alamo/Bells) from speaking to other county mayors/executives in the past. He stated that he had consulted with CTAS and their legal department and the legal opinion there was no opt-out date of expiration of the contract and that is the county intention at this time is that is a binding agreement. He stated that the county will continue the same distribution that they have in the past and thanked the board for allowing him to speak. Randy Camp stated that no contract goes on for perpetuity and that in 2021 state statute the states that it will be divided 50/50. Mayor Emison stated everything can be repealed that nothing goes on for perpetuity. He further stated that to deviate from the 50/50 state law a contract is the only way it can be altered. The resolution in 1996 was triggered because of the local option was changed in 1996 to 2.75 from 2.25 percent. After much

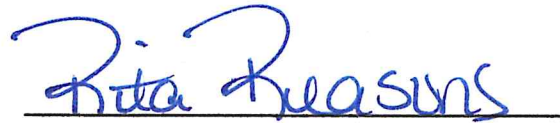
discussion it was decided that more records needed to be requested from the county by Attorney Randy Camp. No action was taken on the matter.

Roy Swift stated that West Lincoln and Conley Road there is a big camper housing a lot of people. He wants the town to check it out.

Alderman Bodkins made a motion to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Alderman Conley. All Aldermen voted, Aye. The meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor John Avery Emison

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Rita Reasons", written over a horizontal line.

Rita Reasons, Recorder